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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

. Art Unit: Applicant: Ronald R. Stephens Examiner: Serial No.: 10/632,354 RE: STATUS REQUEST Filed: 7/31/2003 Our Ref.: 621036-0 B-3757. DIV3 FOR: Wavelength Division Multiplexing Methods... DATE: 8/17/2004

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It will be appreciated if you will inform the undersigned as to the status of the above-identified U.S. patent application.

This inquiry is being initiated on the basis of the fact that the above-identified application was filed on 7/31/2003 and an official action dealing substantively with this application has not been received.

Please inform the undersigned as to when we may expect to receive an official action for the above-identified application.

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